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Governor Major is scheduled to speak at Desloge next Monday, September 6th.

The Ides of August have come and, contrary to prediction, the "DEMON" still liveth.

Germany is, as the old saying goes, "Slow but sure," so is our eminent sovereign Woodrow Wilson. "Slow and steady wins the race" has as much force today as when the tortoise won the race while the hare slept.

President Wilson, by his patient waiting and persistent efforts, has succeeded in getting England to modify an order as to merchandise bought prior to March 15, thus gaining another point in the favor of the U. S.

We common people, who are the salt of the earth, sleep on the porch or on the grass in the lawn, while J. D. Rockefeller, and others of his ilk, sleep within barricades, locked and protected by huge double fences constructed of iron and steel. Why this difference in our nocturnal habits?

Our President now has to his credit one of the greatest diplomatic achievements ever recorded in American or foreign diplomacy. By a well directed course of diplomacy, he has, not only kept this country out of the great war now raging, but has added peace and wealth to this Nation and honor to his own name.

Reverses and Reversals are very common occurrences.

It has been said that "a wise man may change his mind but a fool never does"; yet it would seem that to change one's mind too suddenly and too often would indicate, either a weakness of judgment, or a hasty consideration of all the elements making up a previous opinion.

The United States Commission on Industrial Relations which was appointed to hold session at various points throughout the United States to investigate conditions of and industrial nature, has about finished its findings and now has the larger portion of its voluminous report in the hands of the printer. This report will be submitted to Congress upon its convening in December.

The Commission has made some startling discoveries as touching the relations of employer and employe, which will prove to be a mighty factor for the inception of a movement for better wage and labor conditions throughout this country.

Hon. Basil M. Manley, director of research and investigation of the United States Commission on Industrial Relations, makes some startling statements in his report of conditions as he finds them. The second section of the summary of the report says:

"The American workers have not received a fair share of the enormous increase in wealth, which has taken place in this country during the last quarter century as a result largely of their labors.

"A third and possibly a half of the families of wage earners employed in manufacturing and mining do not earn enough to support them in anything like a

comfortable and decent condition.

"And so miserable is the condition of the mass of American workers that in recent years immigration from Germany, England and France has almost entirely ceased, and laborers are coming only from Russia, Italy and Austria-Hungary, and the backward and impoverished nations of southern and eastern Europe."

An eight hour day is urged as one of the chief factors necessary to bring about an ideal and equitable condition among the laborers of this country, and that—

"The crux of the whole question for industrial relations is: Shall the workers for the protection of their interests be organized and represented collectively by their chosen delegates, even as the stockholders are represented by their directors and by the various grades of executive officials and bosses?"

"The conclusions reached are that an eight hour day should be universally established; better working conditions should be secured; a minimum wage scale should be enforced, which will permit every able bodied workman to support his family in comfort, without the need of any help from wife or children; strong labor organizations should be built up."

## INCREASED EXPENSE JUSTIFIED BY ROACH

Answers Stand-Pat Organs Which Decry Democratic "Extravagance."

As touching State finances, Secretary of State Cornelius Roach has the following to say:

"Soon after the biennial period of 1913-14 closed certain of the old discredited standpat organs set up a hue and cry about how much more money the Democratic State Administration spent than was spent the two previous years. They never tell what the expenditures were for, but they invariably leave the false inference that 'useless job holders' consumed it in salaries.

"The facts are, as the official records disclose, the 'job holders' were virtually the same both periods. No rate of taxation for State purposes was increased. Rates remained exactly the same those years, although the rate for 1915 and 1916 has been decreased. More funds, however, were raised for State purposes, but the increase was due to the more thorough and equitable enforcement of law, and to the natural growth and prosperity of the State. Increased revenue warranted increased expenditures for necessities and progressive public work.

"For instance, in 1911-12, as State aid for better roads, \$79,488.58 was spent; while in 1913-14 for this purpose there was spent \$665,445.86. This is a part of the 'extravagance' charges the standpat papers have been ringing the charges upon. During the latter period the Democratic State administration spent for improved roads \$585,957.28 more than the previous biennium. Here is one of the reasons the standpat organs are howling 'jobs and extravagance.' They don't want the Democratic party to get the credit for the widespread interest and improvement in public roads.

"In 1911-12 the State expended

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ed as aid to the common schools \$3,706,924.20. In 1913-14 the amount for this purpose was increased to \$3,941,519.01. The difference, or \$234,576.81, is another of the items included in the 'extravagance charge for jobholders.'

"The State expended in 1911-12 for the deaf and blind schools, normal schools and the University, \$2,591,526.37. For the same institutions in 1913-14, there was spent \$2,924,380.87. The increased expenditure, or \$332,854.50, is another of the items the envious standpat organs charge as the 'extravagance due to Democratic jobholders.'

"The charitable institutions, such as hospitals for the insane and soldiers' home, in 1911-12 received \$2,327,931.57. In 1913-14, the year of alleged 'extravagance,' these institutions received \$2,706,593.93, an increased expenditure of \$378,662.36.

"For these four subjects, improved roads, better schools, higher education and more generous charity, a thrifty Democratic administration gave \$1,532,050.95 more than was given the previous biennium and did this without increasing the tax or anyone's State taxes. Every other dollar of increased income can be accounted for in just as worthy expenditure as the sums used in the foregoing illustrations. Great achievements like this are responsible for the frenzied misrepresentations of the standpat organs. Was it not the Bard of Ovon who once said, 'Let the galled jade wince,' or words to that effect?"

"The Democratic party of Missouri will gladly meet the opposition in a discussion of State finance. By making the subject an issue the party will get a hearing from the public and advantage of which it would otherwise be deprived. The party's representatives could not be better pleased than to meet the political enemies on their chosen ground."

Secretary of State Con. Roach writes the Globe-Democrat the truth as to Democratic record for increase in State revenues. The facts are that there was a net increase of \$287,945 for the years 1913 and 1914 over the years 1911 and 1912, when the Republicans were in control. The Globe, as usual, is starting its campaign of misrepresentation, but the truth will prevail and Con. Roach knows how to tell it.

Jefferson City, Mo., Aug. 19, '15. Editor Globe-Democrat, St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:—Your editorial in today's issue on "State Finances," is a typical illustration of making a misrepresentation by telling but part of the truth.

You quote from the State Treasurer's last biennial report, concerning the affairs of this Department, but you do not quote ALL that report says on this subject. In order to assume the dignity of metropolitan journalism, statesmanship of state-wide proportions would have impelled you to say that the State Treasurer's report, discussing the statement that you quoted, also said:

"It should be born in mind that in the foregoing receipts (which your editorial gave) funds collected by this department for registration of motor vehicles and of corporations are not included. \* \* The gross collections by the Secretary of

State in 1911 and 1912 were \$496,181.15, and in 1913 and 1914, \$838,996.41, making a net increase from this department for 1913 and 1914 over 1911 and 1912 of \$287,943.11."

I write to call your attention to those facts as they appear in the official record. The conclusion you have published, in which you lead your readers to believe that receipts of this department were reduced \$61,000.00 for the year 1913 and 1914 over the 1911 and 1912 period, and that the expenses were increased \$6,279.00 is a very different conclusion from the final conclusion that the State Treasurer officially reached, and which the official record actually shows, namely, that there was a net increase of receipts from this department for 1913 and 1914 over 1911 and 1912 of \$287,943.11. Please observe that this more than a quarter million increase is a net increase. As evidence that I am not misquoting the State Treasurer's official report, I am mailing you, with my compliments, marked copy of said report.

I cannot believe that the Globe-Democrat, however partisan, "standpat" or Republican, that it is or hopes to be, can desire to base a campaign upon a conclusion so false, erroneous and in conflict with the official record as is the conclusion that your readers must reach from perusing the statement in this morning's editorial. Even so distinguished a "stand-patter" as ex-President Taft is has frequently said that "Truth is mighty and will prevail."

The misrepresentation that your editorial has made in the case of this department is but a sample of the misrepresentations that have, from time to time, appeared in your columns concerning the finances of other State departments. In the interest of honest Missourians, irrespective of party, and in the interest of truth as well as of decent journalism, I am asking that you give this letter the same prominence in your paper as you have given the defective and incomplete statements you have published. The entire truth about these records will be given to the public before the public again has an opportunity to register its will at the polls. If you will join the honest publishers of all parties in this State in informing the public what the State records truthfully show, by giving the whole truth, as suggested in this letter, you will escape the condemnation that the public is sure to heap upon your paper, if the policy displayed your editorial of today is contained.

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) Cornelius Roach,  
Secretary of State.  
From Chillicothe Constitution.

Mr. Paul McDaniel of St. Louis is visiting his mother here this week.

Our progressive merchant and Mayor, E. J. McKinney, has purchased an auto truck for delivery purposes.

Mrs. John B. Graves and daughter, Helen, left this morning for St. Louis to be gone until the first of next week.

The County Court meets Monday, September 6th, as a County Board of Merchants Equalization to hear exceptions, if any.

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Cattle, on foot, per lb	.05
Veal calves, per lb	.06 and .07
Hogs, on foot, per lb	.08
Lard, per lb	.12 to .14
Tallow, per lb	.05
Bacon, per lb	.14 .30
Shoulders, per lb	.12 to .14
Ham, smoked	.16 to .18
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